



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Welcome to St. Andrew's Weekly E-mail Newsletter. In an effort to keep the congregation better informed we will be sending out this newsletter on Thursdays to cover events happening at the church through the following Wednesday. We hope you find it useful.



The Mission of St. Andrew's Parish is to worship God, grow in discipleship, and share Christ's love.
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2018

**Christ the King
Last Pentecost
November 23, 2025**

9:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Ruth Piper

Eucharistic Minister: Andrew Donaldson

Lectors: Jim Swan & Brett Donham

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Sara Sandberg & Jim Swan

Vestry Announcer: Tanya Albert

The worship booklet for the 9am Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#)

You may also watch this service on St. Andrew's YouTube channel. (Live or recorded)

Sunday Worship to Return to Two Services on November 30 (1 Advent)

Following extensive and considered discussions, the vestry has reached a unanimous decision to reinstate our two worship services: 8am (Rite I, a quiet service without music) and 10am (Rite II, with music), commencing on the first Sunday of Advent (November 30), which marks the beginning of the Church year. The vestry expresses appreciation for your valuable feedback during the single-service trial, provided through emails, surveys, and open forums. We will continue to seek opportunities for the entire congregation to gather at special joint events throughout the year.

The timing of implementation on the first Sunday of Advent allows adequate notice for the public and enables necessary adjustments to scheduling. In preparation, we will be recruiting additional volunteers to serve as Altar Guild, Ushers, Lay Readers, and Eucharistic Ministers. We encourage you to thoughtfully consider participating in one of these ministries.

A Message from the Stewardship Committee

The message of the prayer at our church door resonates in our weekly services. In part it reads: "God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all those who need human love, fellowship, and your care, and narrow enough to shut out envy, pride and hate. Make its threshold smooth enough to be inviting to children or straying feet, but rugged enough to turn back the tempter's power..." Suzannah's sermons, our sacred liturgy and our beautiful music remind us, inspire us, challenge us and guide us throughout the week to shun envy, pride and hate and to give love, fellowship and care to all.

Each of us is impacted in different ways by different aspects of St. Andrew's. Our stewardship campaign is a way to show our thanks for the many aspects of St. Andrew's that we each hold dear. The stewardship Committee is grateful to all who have pledged for 2026 and encourages those who have not yet pledged, to please do so as you are able.

There are pledge cards available on the usher's table in church or you may contact the church office to have one mailed to you.

Tidings Program/Coffee Hour this Sunday - Suzannah's trip across Canada by Rail

Our after-service Tidings program will wrap up this Sunday, November 23. After the service, please join Suzannah as she gives us a short program about her trip across Canada by rail.

Coffee hour volunteers needed: On Sunday, November 30, we will return to a two-service schedule, which means two separate Coffee Hours, and so we will need twice as many volunteers to help us enjoy each other's company over coffee and treats. Coffee Hour hosts will continue to be responsible for set-up, coffee making, providing cream/milk and juice, and clean-up. The rest of us are encouraged to bring treats to coffee hour as the spirit moves us. If you'd like to host after either the 8am service or the 10am service, please contact Sara Sandberg or sign up on the clipboard in the Undercroft.

Slow Gifting Returns this season

Earth Keepers' Slow Gifting event last holiday season was a success and everyone seemed to enjoy it so the group is doing it again this year. On Sundays Dec. 7 and 14, clothes and household items will be displayed in the undercroft for folks to take home for free or give as gifts. It is a way of recycling things in good condition, or never used, that you would like to find another home for. Containers will be in the atrium for items to be dropped off during the week beginning Sunday Nov. 23. The Good Samaritans will be holding a bake sale in conjunction with the Earth Keeper event on Dec. 14. Supporting both organizations' events is a good way to kick off the holiday giving spirit.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is looking for a couple of new members. People who are interested in helping to make sure the church is financially stable are welcome. The committee reviews financial reports and makes recommendations to the vestry to support programs in a fiscally responsible way. Please contact the Finance Committee Chair, Lili Pugh if you are interested.

Holy Women, Holy Men Clement of Rome Bishop of Rome

On almost every day of the year, the Episcopal Church honors faithful followers of Jesus who went before us. Every Wednesday at St. Andrew's during our Healing Eucharist, we remember one of more of these Holy Men and Women. We take time to remember these people for three important reasons. First, they deserve to be remembered. The people chosen for our calendar are remembered because they were particularly remarkable followers of Jesus. The second reason we remember them is because in remembering we are connected to Christians throughout time. And last but not least, we remember them because in remembering we can learn how to be better followers of Jesus in our day and time.

This week we remember Clement of Rome. Please click [here](#) to learn more about him.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to give Sunday flowers

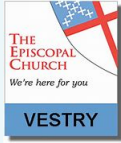
Scam Awareness

Please be vigilant when it comes to giving out your personal

in memory of or thanksgiving for a friend or loved one, please contact Sally Pearce

The cost is \$60 and the flower guild will take care of ordering and pick up.

information. Check email addresses and be suspicious of grammatical errors. There is a scam going through churches requesting a PDF of the church directory. We do not send ours out via email or over the internet. Those requests are scams. If you are suspicious of an email request from the church or a parishioner, please call the church office (207-563-3533)



Vestry meeting minutes

If you would like to read the minutes of the vestry meeting held on September 23, please click [here](#)



St. Andrew's Church Calendar

St. Andrew's Church calendar is available online. If you would like to access it, please click [here](#)

Weekday Worship

Compline: The Compline service held Monday evenings has been put on hold for the time being.

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 11:30am

Please note: The next luncheon after this service will be on Wednesday, December 3

Meetings

Benedictine Group: 10:00 AM Wednesday
Zoom Meeting

Senior Choir rehearsal: 7-9pm Thursdays

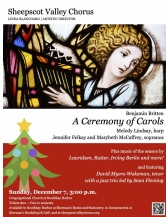
Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays
All welcome: knitters, non-knitters and everything in between.
Meeting in the church library unless otherwise announced.

Upcoming Concerts



Hey, Ho the Holly - December 7 at 2:00pm

Hey, Ho the Holly will be performing at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, December 7 at 2:00pm. Kaity Newell and her group of fiddlers will give a benefit concert for those in need of heating help this winter. All donations will go to the Fuel Assistance Program sponsored by CHIP (Community Housing Improvement Project).



Holiday pops favorites will round out the second half of the program. Co-director and accompanist Sean Fleming has a knack for bringing together top-notch musicians for our holiday pops orchestra, sure to set toes tapping!

Tickets are \$20 (free for children and students) and are available at sheepscotvalleychorus.org, in Boothbay Harbor at Sherman's Books and Stationary, and in Damariscotta Sherman's Bookshop & Café. For more information, please email info@sheepscotvalleychorus.org, or visit facebook.com/sheepscotchorus and sheepscotvalleychorus.org.

Intercessory Prayer List

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." (Romans 8:26)

We pray for those who are ill or with special needs:

Rob & Irma Hargreaves, Alan Hargreaves, Phil Bartley, Val Gorrill, Tom Belanger, Dick, Tyler & Christine, Bruce & Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Nathan Hargreaves, Janice Roman, Beth, Tony Sousa, Joanne Sousa, Ian J., Emily Goodchild, Jennie Zerges, Elizabeth Lyon, Bill Namestnik, Robin Schneider, Susan & Fred Murray, Nicole & Family.

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